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SUBJ: US RESUPPLY TO ISRAEL

1. EVENING OF OCTOBER 15, KUWAIT PERM REP BISHARA TOOK AREA ADVISER ASIDE AT SOCIAL OCCASION TO PROTEST IN BITTER TERMS US DECISION TO SUPPLY MORE ARMS TO ISRAEL.

2. IN ADDITION TO CURRENT ARAB LINE THAT EGYPT AND SYRIA (AND ALLIES) ARE MERELY SEEKING LIBERATE OWN TERRITORY, BISHARA EMPHASIZED PARTICULARLY US FAILURE TO MEET SADAT'S OVERTURES FOR PROGRESS TOWARD POLITICAL SETTLEMENT THROUGH

UNSC LATE JULY AND US PRESENT FAILURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SADAT'S IMPLICIT ACCEPTANCE OF STATE OF ISRAEL IN EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENTS THAT MILITARY GOALS EVEN NOW ARE ONLY LIBERATION OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

3. BISHARA WAS PARTICULARLY BITTER ABOUT ALLEGED USG VIEWS, SPECIFICALLY ATTRIBUTING THESE TO
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PRESIDENT NIXON, SECSTATE KISSINGER AND

CONGRESS THAT ARABS ARE "THIRD CLASS CITIZENS".

HE SAID AMERICANS (AND AGAIN NAMED THE ABOVE) LOOK AT ARABS AS LAZY, COWARDLY, INEFFICIENT -- LOOK UPON THEM AS "MERE ANIMALS WHO HAVE NO RPT NO RIGHT TO THEIR OWN LANDS."

4. AT END OF TWENTY MINUTE HARANGUE, BISHARA APOLOGIZED FOR HIS "FRANKNESS", BUT SAID HE WAS "ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTED, DISGUSTED, DISGUSTED" WITH AMERICAN DECISION TO SUPPLY ARMS TO ISRAEL.

5. HE ADDED THAT HE, FOR ONE ARAB AMBASSADOR, HAD HAD GRAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT ATTENDING LUNCHEON SECSTATE GAVE ARAB UN DELS LAST MONTH, BUT HE HAD BEEN WILLING TO ALLOW DR. KISSINGER OPPORTUNITY TO START BUILDING NEW RELATIONS WITH ARAB STATES. BISHARA SAID HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED ENOUGH BY THIS FIRST CONTACT TO ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE QUOTED ON VOA AS WELCOMING "POSITIVE" ATTITUDE SECSTATE HAD EXPRESSED. FOR THAT , HE ADDED SADLY, HE HAD RECEIVED A LONG LETTER FROM HIS GOVERNMENT REBUKING HIM.

6. COMMENT: IN CIRCUMSTANCES, MISOFF DECIDED TO LET GISHARA GLOW OFF STEAM AND NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPT ANY REBUTTAL EXCEPT TO STATE HE THOUGHT BISHARA VERY MUCH MISTAKEN TO BELIEVE USG OR AMERICANS IN GENERAL HELD ARABS IN LOW ESTEEM OR CONTEMPT. HE SAID CURRENT US DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS AND EFFORTS OVER THE YEARS TO BRING PEACE TO MIDDLE EAST WERE PRECISELY BECAUSE AMERICAN S DO LIKE TO RESPECT ARABS AND WANT TO SEE THEM DEVOTING THEIR HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOPMENT AND NATIONAL GROWTH INSTEAD OF WASTING MEN'S LIVES AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN SUCH PERIODIC BLOOD BATHS AS WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING. BISHARA WAS NOT RPT NOT IMPRESSED.
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